

13th March 1928]

Inspection work done by the Labour Commissioner during his tour.

1725 Q.—Swami A. S. SAHAJANANDAM: Will the hon the Home Member be pleased to state whether the Labour Commissioner examines the records of District Labour offices in the mufassal, and whether during his tour he personally inspects the places where measures for the amelioration of the depressed classes are reported to have been taken up by his subordinate officers?

A.—The Government have no reason to believe that the Commissioner fails to make such inspections as he thinks necessary.

Labour

Qualifications for occupying the post of the Labour Commissioner.

1726 Q.—Swami A. S. SAHAJANANDAM: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state whether district experience is one of the essential qualifications required for the Labour Commissioner?

A.—No special qualifications have been prescribed.

III

COMMUNICATIONS TO THE COUNCIL.

The Secretary laid on the table copies of:

(i) G.O. No. 109, Development, dated 20th January 1928, passing orders on the audit report of the Russellkonda Saw Mill for 1926-27.

(ii) G.O. No. 322 W., dated 2nd February 1928, passing orders on the accounts of Willingdon House, Ootacamund, for 1926 and 1927.

[Note.—An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.]

IV

ACT ASSENTED TO BY HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL.

* The hon. the PRESIDENT:—"I have to announce that the Tuticorin Port Trust (Amendment) Act, 1927, received the assent of His Excellency the Governor-General on 27th January 1928."

V

STATEMENTS OF THE EX-MINISTERS ON THEIR RESIGNATION.

* Diwan Bahadur R. N. AROGYASWAMI MUDALIYAR:—"Mr. President, let me thank you, Sir, for your kindness in giving me permission to make a statement before this House explaining the reasons that led to my resignation of the office of the Minister for Public Health and Excise. In making this statement, Sir, I shall try as far as I can, to avoid personalities. But I think, Sir, it will be recognized that it will be impossible for me altogether to desist from making some personal references. Among the causes that led to my